

lost confidence, but many have. Our apportionment is being placed in the bank. In order to get our people to raise their one hundred dollars I had to make them promises. Many others have done likewise. We all want something by which to show our people that their money, *this time*, will fulfill its mission—pay the debt.

And again, if the amounts promised do not reach the amount of the indebtedness, the people have a right to know that the creditors will be satisfied, before any of their money is applied.

G. W. RENCH.

PARADISE, OREGON.

I left home for Springdale, Washington, on Feb. 10, 1897, at which place Brother Henry and Sister Clara Judy lives, to hold open meetings. We began meeting on the night of Feb. 13, and preached thirteen sermons and received five by baptism and two by relation; this was seven, together with Brother and Sister Judy, made nine in all. By request of these brethren we organized a Brethren church, known as the Springdale church. As brother Samuel Forney was a minister in the G. B. church we received him into the church in his office. The brethren thought best to have a deacon, so brother Henry Judy was put in as deacon. By request of the brethren there, I promised to return in May, as there are five or six more we promised to baptize when I returned again. Pray for us.

W. H. PULLEN.

MILLERSBURG CHURCH.

In reporting from this part of the brotherhood I am sorry I cannot tell of revivals and souls being added to the church, but circumstances seem to hinder our progress. I have had a good deal of sickness in the family, and death of one of our darling little twin boys which prevented me from revival work, and I missed quite a few of my regular appointments and could not possibly get to either State or National Conference. To those that have never been blessed with twins you will not know or feel what it is to have one taken from you. We picture it thus, two little flowers that nature had wrought her work so perfect that it puzzled even our own family to tell one from the other. Perfect in feature and stature, equal in weight. O, what store we laid to these two little flowers, and how much our desire that the pair should not be broken, but God's ways are not our ways, and we must humbly submit to his will, and meet the darling little dove with God in paradise above.

The little church at Millersburg at no time since it was organized has been very

large though the first in the State. We have a hard field in which to labor, largely Catholic. I sometimes feel I was born to herd a little flock, but even here where material is so very scarce when I look over all the names that have been brought into the fold through the instrumentality of my ministry my work has not been a failure, especially when we remember that the name of brother E. E. Haskins of Johnstown, Pa., is on the roll.

The Sister's Society of our little church has paid our portion of the college debt, and they also intend to pay a note I give myself at Warsaw Convention when it is due. This speaks well for our sisters.

Now a few lines for the Publishing Co., and I will close. I think it was a mistake to reduce the price of the paper to one dollar, and intend to send the other fifty cents and take it upon myself to appeal to the brotherhood to follow the example. We must put it in this light. If we are Christians we should not want the paper for less than cost. Let us come to the front and pay what it is worth to produce it. I am not asking you to pay what it is worth, I know I cannot get you to do that. My field for getting more subscribers is exhausted yet I will try.

JOHN A. MYERS.

NOTICE.

The annual sessions of the Pennsylvania Sunday-school and church conventions will convene June 3, 4 and 5 at New Enterprise, Pa. For further information address Chairman Executive Committee, Rev. E. H. Smith, Clover Creek, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER, Moderator.

OAKLAND, PA.

Elder J. B. Wampler has been with us for some time, doing some very able preaching. He delivered some lectures, and preached several sermons at Mahoning Furnace; then began a meeting at Oakland which continued two weeks. Five precious souls were added to our little band in this place, as the fruits of our labor. May the Lord bless the good work every where.

A. HETRICK.

"The world is governed by three things—wisdom, authority and appearances. Wisdom is for thoughtful people, authority for rough people, and appearances for the great mass of superficial people, who can look only at the outside."

You are doing one of two things, brother. You are either helping your neighbor out of the ditch, or helping to make a ditch for him to fall into. Which is it?—*Ram's Horn.*

ILLIOKOTA CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS.

Too often our Conferences are failures simply because they are occasions on which steps are taken and plans laid which are not the results of sober thought.

To give permanence to our decisions and wisdom to our plans, previous discussion and thought must be had.

Allow me to suggest what in my opinion are subjects for thought and prayer for our next annual conference in this District which will probably meet in about five months hence. There are two very important subjects to which ought to be devoted the best thought and most consecrated endeavor in this Illiokota district.

The one is missions, the other is the care of weak churches.

No fact is more startling and portentous than that our weak churches have no effective supervision and help.

In my opinion, the District Mission Board ought to assume oversight of these churches, since they come under the subject of Home Missions.

I'm glad Brother McFaden is keeping the paper full of news from the Chicago Mission. Nothing stimulates interest like news. Now, the other part should be attended to by us, viz., the support of the work. The money promised last fall should be paid in soon now. Let not a single person who subscribed so cheerfully at our Conferences, allow the year to close without paying the pledge.

The time is drawing near when the year shall have closed. We must be doing our duty by our promises, else they shall be left to hang upon another year. "Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God." Ps. 76: 10.

"When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee, and it would be sin in thee. * * * That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform." Deut. 23: 21, 23.

The conference meets this year with the brethren in Chicago. Let us be prepared to plan and do worthy of the cause we represent.

The enthusiasm must not be manufactured but the result of real interest and thought.

How shall we care for the weak churches? Shall it be left in the hands of the Mission Board, or put it into other hands? How shall we raise money for the Chicago Mission? There we shall have no congregation from which money can be secured. It must be managed some other way. Let us have suggestions from you, brethren and sisters. Our district conventions and organizations must be made more effective. Your servant for Jesus' sake.

J. L. GILLIN.